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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated March 18, 2003, be extended for two months to August 18, 2003.

A response to the Office Action, dated March 18, 2003, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the two month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable,

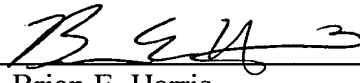
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